
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: NASA'S DEVELOP INITIATIVE: 1) 4 COMPUTER LAB SITES AND 2) DESIGNATION OF AGENCY AND PROJECT FOR REMOTE SENSING PROJECT
DATE: 2/24/2003
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I recently met with Dr. Dewey Herring and Nancy Sullivan of NASA's Education Office to discuss NASA's DEVELOP Project. NASA selects college students to participate in the Digital Earth Virtual Environment & Learning Outreach Project (DEVELOP) at Langley Research Center. The purpose of DEVELOP is to show communities the benefits of Earth science applications by utilizing these students to conduct projects for the communities or states. DEVELOP provides us with two opportunities:

Computer lab sites: DEVELOP students receive excess computers from NASA employees, rebuild the computers and then deliver and install them in needy schools. NASA wants to donate four computer labs to schools of your choice in Mississippi. The four schools must be registered with the federal Computers for Learning program. Project DEVELOP university students will do all of the work to provide the four schools with working computer labs and will provide educators with NASA Earth science resources to use in their classrooms. I compiled the attached list of registered elementaries from information that Dr. Herring provided. I propose that we place a computer lab in an elementary (to enhance learning resources of younger students) in each congressional district:

- 1st Congressional District: Verona Elementary
- 2nd Congressional District: Jefferson County Elementary (NOTE: "Delta" schools are often recipients of similar initiatives. We haven't done anything with the schools in Jefferson County. This could get us good exposure in the Natchez area.)
- 3rd Congressional District: Sebastopol Attendance Center (NOTE: K-12 attendance center, so all students could have access.)
- 4th Congressional District: Stringer Attendance Center (NOTE: K-12 attendance center, so all students could have access. We haven't done very much with the schools in this area, as compared to schools in other areas listed in 4th District.)

I've conferred with Bill and Phillip on the above schools. Are these 4 schools okay to receive labs or do you see another school on the list that you want to receive a lab (if you do, please designate which school to delete and which to add):

Yes _____

No _____

Remote Sensing Project: DEVELOP university students conduct projects using remote sensing and other information to create 3D visuals that will aid communities in solving local problems. NASA will select the university students to conduct the project during an internship at Langley, but they want us to choose the project and designate the agency to transfer funds to for the project. I've conferred with Boyd and we are recommending that you designate DEQ, as Charles and his staff are working on the Mississippi Digital Earth Model, which you authorized via executive order. Once you designate the agency, Herring and Sullivan will work with the agency to draft the grant request/proposal that is necessary.

May I inform Dr. Herring that you are designating DEQ for this project?

Yes _____

No _____

Herring mentioned that you had stated at an earlier event where you met James Robinson, a student at Samford University and a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, who is serving as student team leader for Mississippi's DEVELOP project, that you wanted DEVELOP highlighted at the Southern Governors' meeting. Herring's handout states that "the first report will be made at the Southern Governors' Conference in Biloxi on June 3, 2003." The June 3 date corresponds to the Southern Growth Policies Board meeting at the Beau Rivage. The agenda, which will focus on leadership, has been set for that meeting. Do you want me to inform Fred of DEVELOP for a future SGA meeting or did you want it highlighted at SGPB?

SGPB _____

SGA _____